

# DeSoto News Flash

For the Week of January 19th  
through January 22nd, 2016

## Free Event - Public Invited!

### ***BACK TO ART***

Sunday, January 31, 2016 4 to 7pm

The DeSoto Arts Commission presents ***Back To Art***, a free event featuring information on programs offered by our 2016 grant partners; DeSoto Art League, Concerned DeSoto Citizens, International Museum of Cultures, Texas Winds Musical Outreach, the DeSoto Choral and Instrumental Music Series, Texas Blues Museum Youth Program and Dallas Area Writers Group as well as a preview of what we have planned for 2016. Visual artist, Tyra Goodley will provide an exhibit and demonstration of her unique style. The public is invited to browse the art display, meet our grant partners, and enjoy music, food and fellowship with the DeSoto Arts Commission.

Sunday, January 31st from 4 to 7pm  
DeSoto City Hall Atrium, 211 E. Pleasant Run Rd.  
R.S.V.P. if attending to 972.230.9648 by January 28th

#### *Tyra* Metal Art Designs

For innovative artist and painter Tyra Goodley, art and life have always been intertwined. Though diverse and talented in many styles, her current focus is abstract art, because it allows for a freedom of thought that translates to the viewer. Created on recycled sheet metal, her free-flowing artwork is both geometrical and multi-dimensional, some literally popping out of the frame. This is exemplified by her metal design series, which expertly blends metal, epoxy resin and acrylic paint. Each piece is hand-crafted and complimented with a twisted metal signature. The result is a balance of curvilinear style and modernism.



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The City of DeSoto is currently hiring for these positions:

- Accounting Technician—Payables
- Assistant Pool Manager
- Building Official
- Building Inspector I
- Building Inspector II, Assistant Building Official
- Operations Coordinator - Water/Wastewater
- Plans Examiner
- Police Officer
- Police Officer (Reserve)
- Pool Manager
- Recreation Attendant
- Utility Maintenance Worker

To apply for any of these positions or for more information, please go to the City's website at [www.desototexas.gov/careers](http://www.desototexas.gov/careers).

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## Daddy Daughter Dance

**Saturday,  
February 6th  
7 pm to 9 pm**



**DeSoto Civic Center  
211 E. Pleasant Run  
Road**

**\$30 per couple**

**\$15 additional daughter**

**Tickets go on sale**

**January 11th**

**For info call**

**972.230.9651**



DeSoto Parks & Recreation

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## **The City of DeSoto will hold a Regular Election on Saturday, May 7, 2016.**

The following places will be voted on in this election:

- Mayor Place 1
- Councilmember Place 3
- Councilmember Place 5

DeSoto residents who are interested in filing for one of these city council seats must live within the bounds of the district to be eligible. However, all candidates are elected at large. Candidates for Mayor must live within the city limits of DeSoto.

Candidate Filing Information Packets can be requested by sending an email to the City Secretary at [kmorris@desototexas.gov](mailto:kmorris@desototexas.gov). Please include your name, address, email address and contact phone number. Packets can also be picked up in the City Secretary's office during regular business hours.

Filing for a place on the ballot will take place from January 20, 2016 through February 19, 2016 between the hours of 9 am and 12 noon and from 1 pm to 4 pm in the City Secretary's office. On February 19, 2016, the office will close promptly at 5 pm and no filing will be accepted after that time. Every election is determined by the citizens who vote. Make your voice heard by registering AND casting your vote.

- January 1, 2016 is the first day to receive an application for a ballot by mail from Dallas County elections.
- January 20, 2016 is the first day to file for a place on the DeSoto ballot.
- February 19, 2016 is the last day to file for a place on the DeSoto ballot.
- April 7, 2016 is the last day to register to vote in the May 7th election.
- April 25, 2016 is the first day of early voting.
- April 26, 2016 is the last date to receive an application for a mail-in ballot from Dallas County.
- April 26, 2016 is the last day to receive Federal Post Card Applications from Dallas County.
- May 3, 2016 is the last day of early voting.
- May 7, 2016 is election day.

You may obtain Voter Registration cards at the Action Center in City Hall, the Library and Recreation Center. Once you receive the application, carefully read the instructions on the form, fill it out, and mail it to the appropriate County Elections Department. It is important to know that to vote in any election, your application for voter registration must be postmarked or received in the County Voter's Registrar's Office at least 30 days prior to the election. Dallas County residents should mail their application to: Dallas County Elections, 2377 N. Stemmons Expressway, Suite 820, Dallas, Texas 75207. Please visit the City of DeSoto website at [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov) for updates.



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Concerned DeSoto Citizens  
*presents*

# Gospel Fest 2016

February 21

*featuring*



*Praise City*

Joshua & Kristina Bridgewater

Join us at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday,  
February 21, 2016 at Faith Bible  
Church, 1437 W Pleasant Run Rd.  
in DeSoto!

Tickets are still only \$10 and pro-  
ceeds fund college scholarships for  
DeSoto High School students.

For tickets or more information  
contact Leon McCowan at [leonmccowan@msn.com](mailto:leonmccowan@msn.com) or 972-230-  
4243!

And including selections from the awarding-winning DeSoto High School Choirs, the  
Faith Bible Choir and the choir from CDC's adopted School, Northside Elementary!

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## **AARP Tax-Aide at the DeSoto Public Library**

**When: Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> – Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>  
11 am – 3 pm**

**Where: DeSoto Public Library**

**What: Tax help for seniors**

Beginning Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> and ending Wednesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 11 am – 3 pm, volunteers from the AARP Tax-Aide service will be in the library assisting seniors with their tax returns. The library is pleased to offer space for this important service, which is provided and administered by AARP.

AARP does not take appointments. Tax help is a first come, first served service. Please bring last year's tax return, your Social Security card, and any records needed for filing your 2015 tax return. AARP will not prepare complicated returns and requests that those who have complicated returns see a professional preparer for assistance.

The library is located at 211 E. Pleasant Run Road, in the DeSoto Town Center Complex. Free parking is available in the nearby parking garage and in the small lot on the Northside (Creekside) of the library. For more information, please call the library at 972.230.9661 or visit the library's webpage at [www.desototexas.gov/library](http://www.desototexas.gov/library).

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Follow the Library on Instagram: <https://instagram.com/desoto.public.library>

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A poster for the Dallas Black Dance Theatre. The top left features the text "DALLAS BLACK DANCE THEATRE" in large, bold, red and black letters. Below this, in smaller red and black text, is "FRI. FEB. 19, 2016 | 7:00 PM", "FRED NICKELS AUDITORIUM", and "600 EAGLE DR., DESOTO HIGH SCHOOL". The right side of the poster is a photograph of three dancers in black and brown costumes, captured in a dynamic pose. At the bottom left, ticket prices are listed: "\$10 pre-sale", "\$15 at the door", and "\$5 Students and Seniors 60+". Below this is the website "artsdesoto.com" and the phone number "972-230-9648". At the bottom right, it says "photo by Brian Guillaux" and "sponsored by the DeSoto Arts Commission & DeSoto ISD".

**DALLAS  
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SCHOOL

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\$15 at the door  
\$5 Students and Seniors 60+

TICKETS AT  
**artsdesoto.com**  
972-230-9648

photo by Brian Guillaux  
sponsored by the DeSoto Arts Commission & DeSoto ISD

The DeSoto Arts Commission is sponsoring a special performance of the Dallas Black Dance Theater on Friday, February 19, 2016 at 7 pm at the DeSoto High School - Fred Nickels Auditorium, located at 600 Eagle Drive. This performance is underwritten by the DeSoto Arts Commission and City of DeSoto and, as a result, we can offer special pricing. General Admission tickets are just \$10 each for presale or \$15 at the door. All students and seniors 60+ may attend the performance for just \$5 per person. Tickets are available for purchase online at [artsdesoto.com](http://artsdesoto.com) or by calling 972-230-9648.



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Business Owner/Manager:

DeSoto's new Smoke Free Ordinance went into effect **January 1, 2016**. We suggest you:

- Review and download the full language of the new Smoke Free Ordinance and related Business Tool Kit at: [www.desototexas.gov](http://www.desototexas.gov)
- Contact the City of DeSoto if you need help understanding documents related to the smoke free initiative at 972.230.9600
- Provide Smoke Free information to employees and customers.



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## 2016 Everything Teen Expo



### **Best Southwest Everything Teen Expo 2016 April 02, 2016 - DeSoto Town Center 11 am – 3 pm**

Teens, are you looking for valuable resources, services and programs especially designed for you? Want to connect and build positive relationships with professionals in your community through fun and engaging interactions? Then don't miss the upcoming Best Southwest Everything Teen Expo 2016 planned and organized largely by your peers. Teens from the Cities of DeSoto, Cedar Hill, Lancaster and Duncanville are busy planning this awesome event where you'll find information on things that interest you. This one day event will be hosted by Lady Jade of K104 Hip Hop and R&B radio and will feature workshops, motivational speakers, entertainment, giveaways and more. Teens are encouraged to register for this free event at [www.desototexas.gov/everythingteenexpo](http://www.desototexas.gov/everythingteenexpo). We are also looking for vendors for the Everything Teen Expo. If you would like to participate as a vendor, please contact Ms. Marq Runnels at 972.230.9663 or [mrunnels@desototexas.gov](mailto:mrunnels@desototexas.gov).